

## Connie Swingley

University: Indiana University Purdue University-Indianapolis

Major: Health Service Management

Hometown: Selma, IN

Volunteers at: Albany Emergency Medical Services

"Although somewhat undecided on my future plans, I plan to continue volunteering at the EMS station and I am considering a career in emergency management."

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## Support The Plate

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The Foundation funds public safety projects at the local level. Local public safety organizations in your communities are eligible to apply for projects such as equipping emergency responders with personal protective equipment, acquiring equipment for use by emergency responders, and training for emergency responders.

The fee to receive a Secure Indiana license plate is only \$40, in addition to your normal vehicle registration and excise fees. Of the \$40 fee, the Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicle retains \$15 for administrative costs with the remaining \$25 going directly to the Foundation. (Note: If you request a low-end number from one to 100 or a specific number there is an additional one-time \$30 "pull" fee.)

By purchasing a Secure Indiana license plate, you can make a big impact by assisting Indiana's first responders who help protect your loved ones, your neighbors and you. Declare your dedication to Hoosier Safety today!

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## *The Indiana Department of Homeland Security presents*

# *The Indiana Homeland Security Foundation Scholarship Winners*

*May 24, 2007*

*3:00 pm*



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## Order of Events

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### *Welcome Remarks*

***J. Eric Dietz***

*Executive Director*

*Indiana Department of Homeland Security*



***Tom Adams***

*Chairman*

*Indiana Homeland Security Foundation*



***Brady Helms***

*Scholarship Recipient*



### *Presentation of Scholarship Awards*



***Refreshments***



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## Scholarship Recipients

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### **Tyler Cory Scott**

University: Indiana University Purdue University-Indianapolis

Major: Computer and Information Technology

Hometown: Shelbyville, IN

Volunteers at: Marietta Volunteer Fire Department

"The training I have received and the situations I have been faced with will help me in a career in public safety as well as in life in general."

### **Amy Lynn Seymour**

University: Indiana University Purdue University-Indianapolis

Major: Public Affairs

Hometown: Indianapolis, IN

Volunteers at: Marion County EMA

"A career as a public safety servant will provide the opportunity to make a noticeable impact on citizens and communities, by maintaining and improving safety and enhancing their quality of life."

### **Sean Stansifer**

University: Ivy Tech-Bloomington

Major: Public Safety

Hometown: Bloomington, IN

Volunteers at: Van Buren Township Fire Department

"With the training I will receive at the fire department and the classes at Ivy Tech, I am positive that a wonderful career as a fire-fighter is awaiting me. Getting this scholarship would help me get closer to my ultimate goal which is to have a fulfilling position as a public servant."

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## Scholarship Recipients

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### Stewart Knoop

University: Vincennes University  
Major: Homeland Security and Public Safety  
Hometown: Indianapolis, IN  
Volunteers at: Knox County EMA

"From as far back as I can remember, I have always wanted to help serve and protect those around me, not so much to be looked up to or to be a 'hero,' but I have always been the one who wanted to help out. There is just something fulfilling about knowing that you are making a difference."

### Jared Lencke

University: Ivy Tech-Fort Wayne  
Major: Paramedic Science  
Hometown: Leo, IN  
Volunteers at: Saint Joseph Township Fire Department

"So far, from the emergency runs that I have been on, I have felt a great deal of pride, knowing that I have assisted the community in a positive way. I really think that I belong in the public safety field."

### Khristopher Morris

University: Vincennes University  
Major: Law Enforcement  
Hometown: Indianapolis, IN  
Volunteers at: Indianapolis Police Department

"When I finally got on board with IPD as an explorer, I met several different officers who inspired me to become a police officer. I've seen some of these officers in action and heard some interesting stories that made me personally proud to become a police officer."

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## About the Scholarship

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*Indiana relies on a robust and passionate first responder volunteer force in collaboration with government and private entities to provide for a Secure Indiana. Mindful of the future, the Indiana Department of Homeland Security has a strategic interest in building up the state's volunteer force by encouraging Indiana's youth and adults to volunteer for public safety organizations and in promoting the rewarding pursuit of a career in public safety. In 2006, a scholarship program through the Indiana Homeland Security Foundation was set up to reward undergraduate students with volunteering for public safety experience and who have chosen to pursue a career in public safety.*

*This is a competitive scholarship program for which eligible recipients maintained a minimum GPA, submitted an essay, and were given a recommendation from the public safety organization for which he or she volunteered. Full-time students were eligible for \$2,000 while part-time students were eligible for \$1,000. These funds are made possible by the sale of the Secure Indiana license plate.*

*By paying a small fee and purchasing a Secure Indiana license plate from your local BMV branch, you can show your dedication to the importance of careers in public safety and volunteerism in Indiana.*

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## Scholarship Recipients

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### James Christopher Anderson

University: Vincennes University

Major: Homeland Security

Hometown: Gentryville, IN

Volunteers at: Jackson Township Volunteer Fire Department

"There is a personal reward in the satisfaction of helping others, especially at a time when they are most vulnerable due to circumstances, that are often out of their control."

### Dirk DeLor

University: Purdue University

Major: Law and Society

Hometown: Crown Point, IN

Volunteers at: Crown Point Fire Rescue

"My career in the fire service has also taught me that mastering new skills only constitutes half my duty. That is why I have decided to become an instructor so that I may share my knowledge and passion with others."

### Dustin Godbey

University: Ivy Tech-Valparaiso

Major: Nursing

Hometown: Valparaiso, IN

Volunteers at: Washington Township Volunteer Fire Department

"It is my goal to complete this degree pursuit, then to become the director of an EMS Education program here in northwest Indiana."

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## Scholarship Recipients

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### Cory M. Hall

University: Butler University

Major: Chemistry and Biology

Hometown: Pendleton, IN

Volunteers at: Pendleton Fire Department

"My aspirations are to become an emergency room physician and to serve my community as a volunteer for both the fire and emergency medical services. Public safety is in my blood, but most importantly my heart."

### Brady Helms

University: Vincennes University

Major: Emergency Management

Hometown: Boonville, IN

Volunteers at: Evansville-Vanderburgh County EMA

"If there is one thing I hope I can accomplish with my career in Emergency Management and Homeland Security, it is to convey to the public the importance of being prepared."

### Travis Hueston

University: Vincennes University

Major: Law Enforcement

Hometown: Marion, IN

Volunteers at: Sweester Police Department

"I always dreamed of becoming a police officer. I thought it was the most honorable profession there was; I was star struck. As a police officer, you're not normally called when someone's having a good day, but I was drawn to the work."